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**FORMER ENLISTED NAVY MAN IS SENTENCED TO 108 MONTHS IN CUSTODY
FOR POSSESSION AND RECEIPT OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

FRESNO--United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that RICHARD SALCIDO, 25, of Lemoore, was sentenced yesterday by United States District Judge Anthony W. Ishii to 108 months in custody, to be followed by a term of 120 months of supervised release. On April 27, 2006, a federal jury convicted the defendant of receiving material depicting the sexual exploitation of minors and of possessing such material.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Sherrill A. Carvalho, who prosecuted the case, the case began with the discovery that the defendant was offering movie files depicting the sexual exploitation of minors for file-sharing on the Peer to Peer computer network. A search warrant was executed and more than 600 images depicting the sexual exploitation of minors were discovered on the defendant's computer hard drive.

This case is the product of an extensive/joint investigation by the Department of Homeland Security/Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

In sentencing the defendant, Judge Ishii stated that these crimes are serious by perpetuating the market for the exploitation of children used in producing these images. He also denied the defendant's request for release from custody pending the appeal of his case to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

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